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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR PROTECTING A DATA MEMORY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to issuance of an Official Action on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

- Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".
- Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert -- claim 1 --.
- Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of the above claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.
- Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of claims 5 to 7" and insert -- claim 5 --.
- Claim 9, line 1, delete "any of the above claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.
- Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".
- Claim 13, line 1, delete "any of claims 10 to 12" and insert -- claim 10 --.
- Claim 15, line 1, delete "or 14".
- Claim 16, line 1, delete "any of the above claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.